

Topic:
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Sermon Notes



WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

- HEAR**
Rom. 1;16;
10:17
- BELIEVE**
John 8:24
- REPENT**
Luke 13:3
Acts 3:19;
- CONFESS**
Rom 10:9-10
Matt. 10:32
- BAPTISM**
Acts 2:38;
22:16

W E S T H A M M O N D
CHURCH OF CHRIST

THE MESSENGER

*"This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all." **1John 1:5***

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WELCOME VISITING FRIENDS

If you are one of our visitors today, please know that we are indeed honored to have you. If you are a member of the Lord's body, thanks for choosing to worship with us today. If you are not a member of the Lord's church, we would be happy to meet with you and discuss how one becomes a member of the church which we read about in the New Testament. We aim to speak as they spoke and do as they did. We also offer a free Bible correspondence course which can be mailed to you. Or, someone would be glad to meet with you for a one-on-one Bible Study. You can indicate your desire on a visitor's card and place it in the collection tray.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday

Sun. School (suspend until further notice)

Worship11 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study (on Zoom)...7:00 p.m.

*I rejoiced with those who said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."
Psalm 122:1*

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

We Must Get It Right!

Life is made up of the mundane to the very important things. We face daily challenges to determine what is worth our time, energy and sometimes even money. The Pharisees were guilty of placing heavy emphasis on the unimportant issues and neglecting the “weightier matters.” In fact, Jesus called these Jewish leaders, “hypocrites” (Matt. 23:23), implying that they knew exactly what they were doing.

We must prayerfully ask the Lord to give us not just wisdom to know the difference between the trivial and the critical things of life, but we must beseech Him to strengthen our lives with discipline to spend our time on the things that will produce greater spiritual benefits.

Paul, while living under the old law, like his fellow Jews, placed much value on his knowledge about the old law and possessing zeal that was unmatched by his peers Phil. 3:3-6. However, when he was transformed by the powerful gospel of Christ, his perspective on these things changed. He said, “what things were gained to me, these I have counted loss for the cause of Christ” (Phil. 3:7).

Today, we face this issue of misguided priorities perhaps more than any other generation! We are being inundated daily by secular affairs that seem to leave us with very little time, if any, to focus on the things that really matter in life. We make great sacrifices pursuing temporary stuff while at the same time neglecting the issues that are of eternal value. Paul told the Corinthian church that “While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal” (II Cor. 4:18). Decades before, Jesus asked his disciples in Mark 8:36, “And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? What preoccupies our minds and hearts today? Is it not the physical things of life, is it not entertainment, is it not the pursuit of money? In Luke 12:15 Jesus says “Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own.” On the contrary, it is measured on one’s commitment and faithfulness to put God first in one’s life, by obeying the gospel and serving God faithfully to the end (Rev. 2:10). Everything else in life pales in importance. Therefore, let us then pray for wisdom to know the difference and the faithfulness to live accordingly day by day. We must get this right!

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—Robert Webster

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please remember to silence your cell phones. 

We kindly ask everyone to be diligent in observing CDC guidelines regarding the virus. Masking up, sanitizing, and social distancing are critical to us being able to have in-person worship. Additionally, we encourage everyone to get vaccinated.



Please see the list at back in the foyer for areas that you would like to work in.

For Prayers :

Our military personnel.

Both Sis Brenda Sims and Sis. Ruthie Gamble had successful surgeries last week.

Bro. Newsome of the Maywood congregation is now improving and has been taken out of the ICU. He really needs continued prayers as he mourns the passing of his mother from the motor vehicle accident.

Sis. Jameka’s aunt’s grandson will be seen by kidney and orthopedic doctors following his car accident.

Sis. Wyatt, of Robbins CoC, has an upcoming heart procedure.

Bro. Douglas Kennedy of the Robbins congregation passed away last week.

The Kaye Baggett, friends of the

Websters, was diagnosed with stage 4 kidney failure.



Birthdays This Week:

AJ Cunningham - Fri. 24th



Anniversaries this Week

None

Please submit **your announcements** to Bro. Webster by Friday evening each week.

Order of Service

- Song
- Announcement
- Song
- Opening Prayer
- Song
- Scripture Reading
- Song
- Sermon
- Song

Lord’s Supper

Offering

- Song
- Closing Prayer

Last Week’s Record



- Sun. AM Worship & Zoom 94
- Wed. Bible Class (Zoom) 51
- Last . Sun offering: \$5212.75